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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. ANGOLA: NETO DOWNPLAYS SOVIET INFLUENCE

A YUGOSLAV DIPLOMAT HAS INFORMED USUN THAT NETO TOLD THE YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR IN LUANDA ON JANUARY 24 THAT ANGOLA WILL NOT BECOME A SOVIET PAWN. NETO ALSO SAID ANGOLA WILL APPLY TO JOIN THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THE ABSENCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS IS A QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP. (CONFIDENTIAL) USUN 320 1/29

2. LEBANON: SETTLING DOWN TO ASSESS THE DAMAGE

EMBASSY BEIRUT NOTES THAT, AFTER SIX DAYS OF RELATIVE CALM, LEBANON IS ONLY NOW BEGINNING TO ASSESS THE DAMAGE. THE EMBASSY ESTIMATES THAT:

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--THE INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES ARE SPLIT ALONG

CHRISTIAN-MOSLEM LINES AND DO NOT EXIST AS AN EFFECTIVE FORCE.

--THE ARMY IS ON ITS KNEES AND IS ONLY marginally EFFECTIVE.

BEIRUT AND THE COUNTRYSIDE REMAIN CALM DESPITE MINOR INCIDENTS AND THE RUMORED KIDNAPPING OF SOME 25 PERSONS.
(CONFIDENTIAL) BEIRUT 957, 1/29 KISSINGER

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